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Sgt. Timothy Kingston

Sgt. Charlie Jones from Troop B, 3-1 Cav., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., talks to Iraqi children during a school drop in Sabah Nissan, Iraq, Oct. 4. Soldiers from Troop B were at the school to give 200 new backpacks to the principal for distribution to the children. See story on Page 6A.

Marne operation acts to eliminate threats

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers from 3rd platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, conducted a mission in Al Jarra to deny enemy sanctuary and to find possible weapons caches in the area Sept. 30.

Operation Chickamagua IV led to the discovery and destruction of a rocket propelled grenade warhead. Co. B cleared six struc-

tures while searching for possible cache sites, and called for an indirect fire attack that destroyed a building insurgents used as cover. After finding the warhead, Soldiers from the 789th Ordnance Company destroyed the munitions.

“Third platoon conducted operations in an efficient, professional manner,” said 1st Lt. Matthew Barwick, a Lanham, Md., native and fire support officer for Co. B. “We are pleased with how well the operation went. See related stories on Page 5A.

Winn cares for Soldiers, more

Ann Erickson
MEDDAC Public Affairs

In an effort to highlight the work and contributions that case managers perform everyday for Soldiers and their Families, National Case Management week is being celebrated Oct. 7 – 13.

Lt. Col. James Edwards provides oversight for 12 case managers that are currently at

Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, who serve as a key part of the triad for the Warriors in Transition.

Responsible for just about every aspect of a patient’s health care plan, case managers ensure Soldiers attend appointments and understand their treatment plan. According to Edwards, additional case managers are being hired or assigned, bringing the number to 20 within the next few months.

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1/15 Infantry Soldiers receive Purple Hearts

Spc. Ben Hutto
3RD HBCT Public Affairs

FOB HAMMER — Two Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment were awarded Purple Hearts in a ceremony held at FOB Hammer Oct. 1.

Sgt. Jason Silva from Ridgecrest, Calif., and Spc. Jayt Massiet from Palm Dale, Calif., tankers with Co. A, 1/15 Inf. both received the awards for injuries sustained from improvised explosive device attacks

while on separate combat patrols.

Silva was a gunner in a M1A1 Abrams tank when it ran over an IED on a combat patrol near the Al Bawi pump station Aug. 1. He received a concussion from the blast.

He does not remember much about the incident, but said his parents and fiancé were happy that it wasn’t worse.

“They were relieved that I was fine and I still have all my limbs,” Silva said. “It could have been worse.”

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Effort calls for community help for wreaths at Warriors Walk

Andrea Washington
Coastal Courier staff writer

Fort Stewart’s Warriors Walk is a treasure trove of mementos for fallen 3rd Infantry Division soldiers: pictures with family members, sports teams’ memorabilia, plaques, toy motorcycles and even the occasional bottle of a soldier’s favorite beer.

Those close to the soldiers normally place these items around the base of the

eastern redbud trees lining the memorial but a new initiative is aimed at getting the entire community involved in leaving a token of appreciation at each soldier’s dedicated site.

In conjunction with Wreaths Across America, organizers for the Wreaths for Warriors Walk project are planning “to place a wreath at the tree of each fallen soldier at Warriors Walk during the holidays,” according to project chairman, Bruce G. Muncher.

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Lt. Gen. Honoré visits Stewart

Maj. Valerie Meadows
188th Infantry Brigade

Lt. Gen. Russell Honoré, commander for First Army visited Fort Stewart, Ga. for a terrain walk and briefing in preparation upcoming training.

His units will work with Fort Stewart and the surrounding communities to prepare for the arrival of over 3000 soldiers this winter.

Honoré took the day to walk through the proposed Forward Operations Base (FOB), the Fort Stewart ranges, and the current National Guard training area.

He was joined by Col. George Geczy, III, and staff of the First Army’s 188th Infantry Brigade, the Fort Stewart Garrison Commander Col. Todd Buchs and some of his staff, and Soldiers of the First Army Division East.

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Spc. Ben Hutto

Sgt. Jason Silva, Co. A, 1/15th Inf., is awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat while serving with the 3rd Inf. Div. in Iraq.



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Marne 6 Sends Rocky's established as safe environment

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

When I became Marne 6 last summer, we were losing too many Soldiers to accidents. Our Soldiers were dying needlessly from drunk drivers or they were driving drunk themselves, causing accidents that hurt both the division and our neighboring communities.

When we looked into why this was happening, we realized that Soldiers were driving to Savannah on the weekends, drinking, and then heading back to post. We realized that there was no place on Fort Stewart where Soldiers could hang out and drink in a safe environment and then safely walk home afterward.

At the time, Sports USA over by the 4th Brigade Headquarters was empty – Soldiers weren't going there to have fun. It became an empty building and wasted space.

Responding to our Soldiers' needs, we built Rocky's – a state of the art facility designed to entertain our Soldiers – and to do it safely. We invested over \$300,000

to create this on-post club for Soldiers and the local Fort Stewart community. We built it to be a place where Soldiers can hang out, drink, and enjoy sponsored competitions and events – and a place where Soldiers and leaders are confident they can do all of this safely.

We opened Rocky's during Marne Week last November, and brought in the local and Division leadership so they could tell their Soldiers about it and encourage them to go.

Rocky's has been more successful than we ever imagined. It features a theater room with a 120 inch big screen TV for movies and video games, an air hockey table, ping pong tables, foosball, card games, and more. We installed club-style lighting over the dance floor so Soldiers can get the same authentic experience they could in Savannah. Additionally, Rocky's sponsors events



and tournaments through the week, and also sponsors theme nights according to popular demand.

Unlike the over-21 clubs in Savannah, Rocky's is open to those 18 and older. Rocky's isn't just for Soldiers either – Family members and civilians are welcome. Since we value our Soldiers and their families, they get in for free. We work hard to get

members of the local community to come to Rocky's and women get in for free between 10 p.m. and midnight.

We've also focused our efforts to make this about the Soldiers. We take their feedback seriously, and are continually looking to make improvements to benefit the Soldiers. For example, when Soldiers said we want a reentry line after we go outside to smoke, the Division made one. The club manager takes your suggestions seriously and works very hard to provide services that

you want.

The Division and the Fort Stewart community are committed to ensuring our Soldiers have a chance to rest and relax, but we need you to watch out for your buddies while you take that time off. Recently, Soldiers have been taking advantage of the club, disrupting the safe and fun atmosphere we all want to enjoy. There has been underage drinking and fights breaking out – inside and outside the club. We built Rocky's for you, but it will go away if it continues to be abused.

Soldier safety has always been, and will always be our number one priority. The Division and the Fort Stewart community are committed to ensuring that all Soldiers have a safe and fun atmosphere to spend their off-time.

I am confident that you will support your fellow Soldiers and the Division by helping to keep Rocky's a feature destination on post, and that you will always keep the welfare of your comrades uppermost in your mind.

Rock of the Marne!

Protect yourself, others - avoid aggressive driving

Division Safety Office

With holiday traffic looming on the horizon, it pays to take care. Common courtesy on the road yields uncommon dividends in accidents avoided and injuries and deaths prevented.

One of the greatest hazards on our roads is the growing number of discourteous drivers.

These drivers tailgate, pass improperly, cut off other motorists, honk their horns unnecessarily, weave through traffic, flash their lights to get others out of their way and sometimes respond inappropriately to any perceived affront. Some drivers lose control.

Insignificant incidents such as parking space disputes, fender benders, obscene gestures, loud music, overuse of the horn or failure to use a turn signal may lead to violent encounters.

To be a more courteous driver, the experts recommend:

- Use the passing lane only when passing.
- Signal before switching lanes.
- Allow plenty of space between your car and the car in front of you; don't tailgate.
- If you drive slowly, stay to the right.
- Don't let your cell phone distract your driving.
- Be careful when you get out of your car so that your door doesn't strike the car next to you.

To avoid becoming the victim of an aggressive driver:

- Never underestimate the other driver's capacity for mayhem.
- Avoid eye contact with trouble making motorists.
- Don't challenge hostile drivers or react to them.
- Don't return gestures.
- Keep your distance from those who are driving erratically.
- Keep your cool!

Bottom line - use common sense and avoid emotional responses.



Spc. Ben Hutto

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, Commander of the Multi-National Division - Center, presents Staff Sgt. Andrew Pearce, the assistant operations noncommissioned officer of the Headquarters Company, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team out of Columbus, Ga., with a challenge coin during a ceremony at Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq, Oct. 1.

A moment in history: Camp Stewart 1941



Photos courtesy of the Fort Stewart Museum

Robert F. Yousey trained at Camp Stewart and Amelia Island in 1941 with the 107th Coastal Artillery Battalion, from New York. In 1945 he served in the Pacific theatre as a bombardier on B-29s. Yousey's Family donated photographs to the museum depicting life of a Soldier in that era. The photos range from off-time to barracks life.



Sgt. Timothy Kingston

Newly-appointed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen (left) walks with Lt. Col. John Kolasheski, commander of 3/1 Cav. Regt., 3rd HBT, 3rd Inf. Div., along with Capt. Troy Thomas (center), commander of Troop A, 3/1 Cav. Regt., and Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch (right), commander of the 3rd Inf. Div., after recently arriving at Patrol Base Assassin, Iraq, for a visit Oct. 5.

Marne Soldiers get a visit from the C-JCS



Courtesy photo

Above: The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, speaks with Col. Terry Ferrell, Commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Patrol Base Murray Oct 5. Mullen's visit to PB Murray included a briefing on the capabilities of the Buffalo Mine- Protected Clearance Vehicle.

Sgt. Luis Delgadillo
2nd BCT PAO

FOB KALSU – The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, recently visited Marne Soldiers and leaders in Iraq.

During his visit with 2nd Brigade, Oct. 5, he met with Col. Terry Ferrell, commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division and Lt. Col. Ken Adgie, commander of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment at Patrol Base Murray.

Commander of the 3rd Inf. Div., Maj. Gen Rick Lynch, accompanied Mullen on the visit, which included an overview of the 2nd BCT's area of operations.

Since the 2nd BCT's arrival at PB Murray, June 16, Coalition Forces have been able to stop the flow of accelerants

into Baghdad, which has resulted in a decrease in violence in the capital.

By working with citizens in the area 1/30th Soldiers have assisted tribal leaders in the establishment of concerned citizens groups.

These groups have steadily reduced the effectiveness of al Qaeda insurgents in Arab Jabour by eliminating their ability to blend in with the local population.

During the visit, Mullen also met with servicemembers who were recognized for their achievements in the line of duty. He received a briefing on the capabilities of the Buffalo Mine-Protected Clearance Vehicle.

The Buffalo, as it is commonly known, is used in vital route clearance missions, which protect combat logistics patrols from improvised explosive devices.



Spc. Ben Hutto

Below: The 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen re-enlists 31 Soldiers from the Multi-National Division - Center in Baghdad, Iraq, Oct. 5. Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, Ga., and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), out of Fort Drum, N.Y., made up the formation of re-enlistees.

AUSA opens with pledge to Army Families

Beth Reece
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - The annual convention of the Association of the United States Army kicked off here Oct. 8 with emphasis on America's Army as "The Strength of the Nation" and promises by leadership to do Army Families right.

Secretary of the Army Pete M. Geren said the 150 thousand Soldiers serving on the frontlines in Iraq and Afghanistan have urgent needs and expect urgent responses by Army leadership to get them what they need, when they need it.

"If we are complacent, if we ignore the lessons learned and warning signs of six years of war, the seams that are exposed in the crucible of combat, in the field or on the homefront, our Army Soldiers and Families will wear down. We will not let that happen."

The Soldier of 2007 does not look like the Soldier of 2000. He or she is trained different, equipped different and led different, the secretary said, stressing that Families have also changed.

"Family support in 2007 cannot look like it did in the year 2000. Not if our Army is going to remain ready, not if our Army is to remain healthy, not if we're going to fulfill our obligations to Soldiers and Families."

In recognition of the commitment and increasing sacrifices made by Army Families, Sec. Geren pledged to give the Army's 500 thousand spouses and 700 thousand children a quality of life that matches their quality of service.

Along with Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, Sec. Geren said Army leadership is committed to improving Family readiness by standardizing and funding existing Family programs and services, increasing accessibility and quality of health care, expanding education and employment



Photo by Beth Reece

Soldiers of the the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band performed skits that brought to life 232 years of Army history during opening ceremony of the annual convention of the AUSA.

opportunities, and improving housing.

More than 20 thousand homes have been newly built or renovated through the Army's Residential Communities Initiative since 2001. "By 2010, 90 percent of all on-post homes will have been transferred to a private partner for new construction and renovation. That partnership will change Army housing into Army homes," Sec. Geren said. "We project that by 2013, our Soldiers and Families living on post will be out of housing and living in high-quality homes in vibrant, private communities."

The Army committed \$100 million to Army family programs last summer, and plans to add another \$1.4 billion from supplemental funding for the war on terror over the next year.

"For six years we've asked much of Army Families. In this era of persistent conflict we will ask more, and we must do

more," he said.

Expecting participants to spend the next three days hearing about training, transformation and modernization, Sec. Geren took the chance to boast about the heroism of Soldier and Families - something the secretary said often goes unlooked by national media. Two months after Sgt. 1st Class Paul D. Smith was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in the spring of 2005 for his actions in Iraq, media had mentioned the Soldier just 90 times, Sec. Geren said.

"The alleged prisoner abuse at Guantamino Bay had drawn 4,000 mentions, and the court martial of Abu Ghraib guard Lynndie England had drawn over five thousand mentions," Sec. Geren said. "Lynndie Johnson is a household name in America, but Paul D. Smith is known to too few."

Sec. Geren also cited Pvt. Stephen C. Sanford of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, who braved intense enemy fire while helping evacuate casualties from a home in Mosul Nov. 19, 2005. When the last evacuee was shot in the neck while leaving the house, Pvt. Sanford rushed to the Soldier's side to perform CPR. Pvt. Sanford was shot in the back twice while aiding the Soldier, but continued to return fire until incapacitated by his own loss of blood.

"Pvt. Sanford put the mission first. Pvt. Sanford never accepted defeat. Pvt. Sanford never quit. Pvt. Sanford never left a fallen comrade," Sec. Geren said. "The service of our Soldiers tells the story of our Army, and their service tells what kind of Army we are."

AUSA brings Soldiers together at a crucial time in the nation's history and Army's life, Sec. Geren said.

"Yesterday, Oct. 7, we began the seventh year of combat operations in Iraq. This is the third largest war in the history of our nation behind the Revolutionary War and Vietnam. It is the only conflict we've fought since the Revolutionary War with an all-volunteer force," he said.

Safeguarding Soldiers health, post-deployment

Special to the Frontline

To safeguard the health and well-being of all Soldiers, the U.S. Army implemented the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment, or PDHRA, in January 2006.

A Commander's Program, the PDHRA gives Soldiers an opportunity to address any health concerns that may emerge following redeployment.

It is available to all Soldiers, active and reserve Component, who have returned from combat.

"Returning home and settling back into a routine can be filled with excitement and discovery.

The U.S. Army has learned that as time passes, Soldiers may start facing health concerns that they may not have noticed before," explains Lt. Col. Vinette Gordon, who leads the U.S. Army PDHRA program.

The Reason for PDHRA

Research shows that proactively identifying these health concerns strongly impacts the long-term health and well-being of Soldiers and their Families. The U.S. Army wants to help Soldiers address their health concerns before they develop into more serious problems.

How to Complete the PDHRA

Soldiers who have returned from a combat deployment since March 10, 2005, must complete the PDHRA. In most cases, the PDHRA takes place 90 to 180 days after redeployment.

Commanders will notify Soldiers to participate in the PDHRA process, and Soldiers can log on to Army Knowledge Online to check their PDHRA status under "My Medical Readiness."

To complete the PDHRA, Soldiers fill out DD Form 2900 and speak one-on-one with a health care provider. The health care provider will refer Soldiers for further evaluation and treatment, if necessary. Most Soldiers will complete the PDHRA as part of a unit-scheduled event, or through an appointment or walk-in basis.

Battlemind II Training

As a part of PDHRA, Soldiers also complete Battlemind II training. Battlemind II builds on skills that helped Soldiers survive in combat.

The video-based training shows Soldiers how to adapt these skills now that they have returned home. For more information or to view the Battlemind II training video, visit www.battlemind.org. To learn more about PDHRA visit online at <http://fhp.osd.mil/pdhrainfo>.



Deployed Soldiers

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You can call home to Fort Stewart, **FREE!**

The Directorate of Information Management offers deployed Soldiers a service which allows them to call home free, although the calls are limited to availability.

Using a DSN line, Soldiers call 870-HOME (4663). The system is entirely voice activated with the following rules:

- Calls are limited to 15 minutes.
- Parties will be notified 30 seconds prior to the end of their call-time limit.
- Free calls are limited to in and around the Hinesville and Savannah areas only.
- The system will prompt callers for a credit card number, calling card number or call-collect option for Calls being made outside local calling areas.

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Access is limited by mission requirements, support location and number of DSN lines available at the Soldiers' location.

For more information, call Mike Flatt, DOIM Communications, 767-0266. Free calling area are Glennville, Pembroke, Pooler and Richmond Hill

Marne Voices Speak Out

What do people need to know, or ask about breast cancer?

"Learn what things can increase your risk."

Doug Suttle
Civilian employee



"What treatment options are available?"

Sgt. 1st Class Tami Hillis
HHC, 4th Brigade



"Remember the annual mammogram, and learn to do self test procedures."

Ralph Burns
Georgia Port Authority



"Is it genetic?"

Ken Beauchamp
Retired, US Army



"Is it treatable and is there a cure?"

Spc. Courtney Cooper
188th Infantry Brigade



"Where is the specific location of the problem and will it spread to other organs?"

Melissa Redfearn
Vision Creations Owner/Family Member



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Cavalry Soldiers, ISF detain high-value individual

Maj. Joe Sowers

3rd HBCT Public Affairs Officer

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Elements of the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment and Iraqi National policemen conducted a raid east of Baghdad resulting in the detention of a high-value individual and three other suspected extremists Sept. 30.

Soldiers from Troop A and the Time-Sensitive Target platoon of the 3-1 Cav. Regt. conducted the raid with their police partners to kill or capture the HVI and to deny extremists sanctuary in the Regiment's area of operation.

The HVI is suspected of maintaining a leadership position in a local extremist network. Information obtained by the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team officials links the HVI to indirect fire attacks against Coalition Forces and weapons smuggling.

Detaining this individual should assist us in reducing indirect fire attacks and takes us one step closer to making the Al-Kut Highway a safe route," said Maj. Desmond Bailey, a native of Alabama, the 3-1 Cav. Regt. operations officer.

Bailey further explained that continued efforts to engage local leaders has resulted in greater information on suspected extremists and insurgents in the squadron's area of operation.

An Iraqi Security Force uniform, an AK-47 assault rifle and a large amount of small arms ammunition were seized during the raid.

The 3-1 Cav. Regt. is part of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March 2007.



Sgt. Timothy Kingston

A Soldier from the 3/1 Cav. Reg. searches a suspected insurgent during a night raid east of Baghdad Sept. 30.

Citizens assist Soldiers in decreasing violence



Courtesy Photo

Concerned Citizens turned over a large cache to Soldiers of D Co., 1/15 Inf. Reg., currently attached to the 3/1st Cav. Reg., southeast of Baghdad Oct. 5.

Maj. Joe Sowers

3rd HBCT Public Affairs Officer

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Local concerned citizens brought a large cache to a 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment combat outpost east of Baghdad Oct. 5.

Local citizens brought a cache consisting of 21 mortar rounds, one 57mm projectile, two 100mm projectiles, one 122mm rocket warhead, three PG-7Ms, four PG-7s, and one rocket propelled grenade to Combat Outpost Cashe and turned the items in to Soldiers of Company D, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, currently attached to 3/1st Cav.

The cavalry regiment officials estimated that more than 1,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and 60 pounds of TNT were

turned in, as well.

Concerned citizens groups are local volunteers that commit to cooperate with Coalition Forces to decrease violence in their communities, much like a neighborhood watch program. Soldiers from Co. D have been working to establish concerned citizens groups in Jisr Diyala, a town southeast of Baghdad, since July. Currently, two concerned citizens groups total approximately 300 volunteers.

Also in the 3/1st Cav. area of operation on the same day, local citizens informed Iraqi police of a potential improvised explosive device along a major road.

Iraqi police were able to remove the road side bomb and Soldiers from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team secured the explosive for proper disposal.

Ground, helicopters team kill extremists during raid

Maj. Joe Sowers

3rd HBCT Public Affairs Officer

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Attack helicopter pilots, supporting Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, killed three extremists and wounded two others during an air assault into a suspected enemy sanctuary the night of Oct. 3 near Al-Bawi.

Soldiers from Company A conducted the raid to disrupt insurgent activity along the Tigris River north of Salman

Pak. An attack aviation element from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade provided aerial support with two AH-64 Apaches, while the 4th Battalion, 3rd CAB provided helicopters to move the Co. A Soldiers to their target.

"The Al-Bawi area is very well protected by the enemy with deep-buried improvised explosive devices along the main routes," said Maj. John Cushing, from Rochester, Mich., the 1/15th Inf. Regt. operations officer. "An air assault operation is a great way to reach areas like Al-Bawi to confirm or deny enemy sanctuaries."

While Company A Soldiers were clearing three groups of houses, pilots from 1/3rd CAB identified five armed individuals moving toward the Co. A Soldiers. The 1/3rd CAB pilots were able to kill three during their initial engagement and the Company A Soldiers later detained two individuals.

"Last night, we were able to kill armed insurgents attempting to flee the area," said Cushing. "We showed the enemy, once again, that we can reach out and touch them at the time and place of our choosing."

Operation nets 10, destroys two booby-trapped houses

1st Lt. Kalen Smith

2nd BCT PAO

FOB KALSU – Two booby-trapped houses were destroyed and 10 suspected insur-

gents were detained during an operation in Adwaniyah Oct. 9.

Soldiers of Company B, 1st Cavalry, 40th Infantry Regiment, were conducting operations targeting an improvised explosive

device emplacing cell.

While conducting the operation, Soldiers found two empty houses that were wired with explosives.

They vacated the area and requested

additional support.

Once the area was cleared of civilians, the homes were destroyed with two Hellfire missiles and two Excalibur rounds fired from attack helicopters.

Soldiers bring needed supplies to Iraqi schools

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers from Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, helped schools Oct. 4 in Sabah Nissan, Narhwan and Hollendia by providing supplies for the children Oct. 4.

Soldiers unloaded backpacks, notebooks, pens and pencils over the weekend, while children from each neighborhood showed up to help and see Soldiers.

“It’s going great,” said 1st Sgt. Miguel Rivera of New York, the first sergeant of Troop B. “Hopefully these schools can help teach these kids right from wrong and give them a better future. It won’t happen over night, but in a few years this will be an entirely new and better nation.”

The supplies will help 26,000 students. “It’s tough,” said Capt. Jared Albright of Lancaster, Pa., the commander of Troop B. “In Narhwan alone, there are 20,000 to 30,000 students we are trying to take care of. We’ll be back to meet with the local council to make sure that the students are getting what they need.”

The first stop on the mission was Sabah Nissan, a small village south of Narhwan.

“Right now the kids here in Sabah Nissan have next to no supplies,” Albright said. “The Ministry of Education is doing what it can, but there is such a need that any help we can give is appreciated.”

The boys and girls schools in Sabah Nissan opened Oct. 1. Troop B had previously delivered 300 backpacks, but brought 800 more this mission to accommodate the 1,100 students that attend both schools.

“We are glad we got to complete this project in preparation for the school opening,” said 1st Lt. Chris Sweitzer of Morgansville, Tenn., a civil affairs officer in the 489th Civil Affairs Battalion from Knoxville, Tenn., currently attached to 3-1 Cav. Regt.

The Soldiers continued their mission unloading supplies for the 5,000 students that attend the school in Hollendia, another village to the south of Nahrwan.



A young Iraqi boy helps Sgt. Lucas Walrod (left) and 2nd Lt. Perry Richard from Troop B, 3/1 Cav., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., unload bags of new backpacks off the back of a truck during a school drop in Sabah Nissan, Iraq, Oct. 4.

“This area has been relatively quiet, but we are trying to help each school as much as possible so no one in the area feels neglected,” Albright said.

As the Soldiers unloaded supplies to lines of students who came out to help at

the last stop in Nahrwan, Albright talked with school officials.

“We’ve arrested a lot of insurgents in operations out here,” Albright said. “Now we are trying to come back in and help the community. I think they feel much better

about us when we come out here like this.”

The 3/1 Cav. Regt. is part of the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div. out of Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March 2007.

Supply mission provides Iraqi-children assistance



Courtesy Photo

Concerned citizens and Soldiers from Troop C, 3/1 Cav., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., remove school supplies from the back of an M3A2 Cavalry Fighting Vehicle Oct. 4.

Staff Sgt. Sean Riley
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers working with local concerned citizens distributed a total of 1,200 book bags and 750 pairs of shoes to school-age children attending Idin-Al-Hariri, Al-Zaweeah and Al-Irtiqaa schools Oct. 2 and 4.

The school supply drop missions were part of a 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, two-day mission dubbed Operation Comanche Blackboard. Coordination was made with local sheiks and headmasters at each of the schools prior to the supply drops.

Soldiers from Troop C, who carried out the missions, visited the Al-Irtiqaa school Oct. 4. The recently refurbished school is not in session yet, but many students were on-hand during the event.

The mission was conducted to give the Iraqi school children supplies and shoes in the hopes of bettering their learning conditions.

“They loved it,” said 2nd Lt. Christian Hoempler, the 2nd platoon leader of Troop C.

“They were all smiling and running around. It’s great when we have these school drops and we give stuff away.”

Hoempler, from Suffern, N.Y., said that with help from the concerned citizens groups, missions like these will help produce a safer, more secure environment for residents.

During the mission, Hoempler’s platoon gave away 400 book bags and 250 pairs of shoes to the students at Al-Irtiqaa.

Though the students left with new bags and shoes, the work of Hoempler’s platoon and that of the 3/1 Cav. Regt. is not over.

“We spoke with the city council men for the area,” Hoempler said. “We identified a lot of potential future projects.”

Future projects for the school may include upgrading its rundown basketball court and filters for the water well pump housed on the campus. “It’s a start,” Hoempler said. “It shows we are willing to help the students.”

The 3/1 Cav. Regt. is assigned to the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., from Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March 2007.

Infantry Soldiers facilitate school refurbishment

Maj. Joe Sowers
3rd HBCT Public Affairs Officer

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER – Leaders from the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment joined leaders of the Mada’in Qada to open the refurbished Al-Eslah School in Al-Wehda, east of Baghdad Oct. 1.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the completion of the two-month project. The Al-Wehda Nahia Council forwarded the issue of school refurbishment to 1/15th Inf. Regt. representatives during a council meeting in July. Following a tour and assessment of the school, Soldiers began the work of getting funds approved for the project. Iraqi construction workers began work on the project following the approval of emergency relief funds.

Prior to the refurbishment, the school was virtually falling apart according to Capt. Matthew K. Givens,

Columbus, Ga., civil-military operations officer for 1/15th Inf. Regt. The project employed 87 citizens during the two-month period. Workers provided electrical and plumbing upgrades as well as installing new doors and windows. Structural and cosmetic improvements to the school were also made.

“This project will affect the local populace in many ways,” Givens said. “The largest impact will be that the children of Al-Wehda have an appropriate facility which is conducive to learning.”

Security measures were taken into account during the construction process for three full-time security guards. A rest house for the guards was added to the school grounds as part of the refurbishment. Workers heightened and expanded a security wall as well.

“The council was thoroughly pleased with the contractor’s work, as were we,” Givens said. “This facility has been

completely refurbished from its original condition. The contractor’s attention to detail and genuine care for the project is evident and the people responded to his hard work.”

After the ribbon was cut to open the school, students were thrilled with their new facility and ran room-to-room looking at the entire school. Teachers expressed their appreciation to council members and Soldiers.

“The school refurbishment far surpassed all of our expectations,” Givens said. “The Al-Wehda Nahia Council has been working hand-in-hand with us to get projects accomplished and to improve the security and quality of life for the people of Al-Wehda.”

The 1/15 Inf. Regt. is assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March 2007.

Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Get educated with Marriage 101

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Ministry Team sponsors a Marriage 101 Seminar for singles, engaged couples, newlyweds, and seasoned partners. Explore your personal strengths and weaknesses and discover secrets to more rewarding and satisfying relationships. The seminar is held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Victory Chapel. The event has a catered lunch and materials are provided. For more information or to make reservations, call the Family Life Chaplain at 767-7028.

Join the OSC games

OSC members are invited to join us for our Pursuit of Bingo evening event at Club Stewart tonight at 6 p.m. We will enjoy an Oktoberfest Feast before attempting to win polish pottery and other great prizes while we play bingo! Call and reserve your spot before Oct. 8. Last names beginning with A-L please contact Paige Adgie, 912-877-2626 and last names beginning with M-Z please contact Jill Peterson, 912-492-8444. Child care is being offered at the YMCA, call Anne at 369-0663 to make reservations.

Bazaar vendors needed

The OSC Fundraising Committee is now accepting applications for vendors to participate in the Holiday Bazaar 2007. The bazaar will take place 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Nov. 3 at Club Stewart. For vendor applications, please contact Brenda at 448-2028 or by e-mail at solomonm-bjo@coastalnow.net. For additional information, visit online at www.thesteelmagnolia.org.

Learn about German heritage

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield libraries are holding German heritage events. The Hunter event is 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Oct. 17. There will be story with discussion about German customs. The Stewart event is at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17. There will be stories with discussion about German customs and related crafts. For more information at Hunter call 315-2403, at Stewart call 767-2828.

Come to the teen Council Meeting

Get involved improving the teen quality of life 5 p.m. Oct. 18. There will be a special presentation on identity scams targeting youth. For more information, call 767-4491.

Jacksonville Zoo trip slated

Leisure Activities will host a trip to the Jacksonville Zoo, Oct. 27. The cost is \$9.50 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 3-12). Bring a picnic lunch or purchase lunch at the zoo. Transportation is provided, but space is limited. To sign up or learn more, call 767-2841.

Attend Halloween Themed program

On Oct. 31 Hunter will hold toddler story time 10-10:30 a.m., then later at 4:30-6 p.m., Halloween story time. Stewart will have a reading of "The Legend of Sleepy Hallow at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 31. The libraries also have safety guidelines for trick or treating and related crafts at both locations. For more information, call 767-2828 at Stewart or 315-2403 at Hunter.

Join in on Mayor's Trunk-or-Treat

Join in the fun, 6-8 p.m., Oct. 31at Newman

Field at Stewart and or at the Hunter Club Parking Lot at Hunter. Candy will be given out of decorated trunks at both locations. Also visit the Hunter Club haunted house and Halloween party for free food, movies and games. For more information, call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058 at Stewart.

Get your flu vaccine early

With the upcoming influenza season, here are the times and locations to receive your flu vaccine:
Fort Stewart Main Post Exchange: Oct. 20, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Oct. 23, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; or Oct. 30, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Fort Stewart Commissary: Nov. 1, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Hunter Army Airfield Post Exchange: Oct. 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Nov. 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Winn's Immunization Clinic starting Oct. 22: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 -11 a.m.; Tues., Thurs., 1 - 3 p.m.
Tuttle's Immunization Clinic every Thursday starting Nov. 8: Thurs., 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Make sure to bring your valid military ID card.
For more information, call Army Public Health Nursing at 435-5071.

Stewart

FSSG holds membership drive

Are you a foreign-born spouse and interested in networking with other spouses from your cultural background? The Foreign-born Spouse Support Group invites you to meet people who are familiar with the area and with Army life and have the opportunity to network and participate in activities such as games and coffee clubs. Contact ACS at 767-5058/5059 for dates, times and to sign up.

Plant-Your-Money Tree Seminar

ACS will hold a "Plan your money tree seminar", 6-8 p.m., Oct. 17 at Club Stewart. The seminar will discuss saving and investment tips, how to start a Thrift Savings Plan, 529 (education) and individual retirement accounts. For more information, call 767-5058.

Expect traffic delays at Gate 3

In-bound traffic at Gate-3 can expect delays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct 18 due to a training exercise. Outbound traffic will not be affected.

SOTM Open House is tomorrow

Shop of the Marne will be hosting a Fall Open House 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday. The public is invited to enjoy refreshments while they check out new merchandise in the redesigned Shop. Special discounts will be offered and every purchase receives a free gift! Come and meet some great people and enter to win one of the great prizes being offered. The Shop is located in Building 25 off McNeely Road behind the PX. If you miss the Open House, SOTM is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-1pm.

Join the Stewart Library Book Club

Join fellow readers and participate in book discussions 7-8 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Fort Stewart Library. There will be free books to club mem-

bers. Space is limited to 20 readers. For more information, call 767-2828.

GC Golf Scramble coming

Register now for the Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble. The tournament start 8 a.m. Oct. 19 at Taylors Creek Golf Course. Early bird registration deadline is Oct. 18 with a cost of \$25 for members or \$30 for non-members. The day of event, cost is \$35 for members or \$40 for non-members. There is space for the first 25 teams only. For more information, call 767-2370.

Home schooling meeting slated

Meet other home schooling Families 11 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Youth Center. To learn, share information and experiences, visit the event. There will be a pot-luck lunch at noon. A home school academy is held 9:30 a.m., every Friday. For more information, call 767-4491.

Enjoy moonlight bowling

Stewart lanes will be open 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Oct. 20 for moonlight bowling. A snack bar special menu is available. The cost is \$2 per game, per person and 75 cents for shoe rental. For more information, call 767-4273.

Roller Skating Under the Stars

Corkan Family Recreation will have skating under the stars Oct. 20 till 1 a.m. Oct. 21. at Corkan Gym. The event is open to military and civilians. Teens under the age of 18 must have parental permission to attend facility beyond 11 p.m. and under the age of 16 must have adult supervision at all times. The cost is \$2 admission and \$1 skate rental. For more information, call 767-4273.

Attend a job orientation workshop

Learn what the Family Readiness Employment Program (FREP) has to offer 9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 25 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. Get an employment overview within a 50-minute radius. You can also learn about current job vacancies. For more information, call 767-1257.

Legal Assistance Closed Oct. 25

Legal assistance office will be closed Oct. 25 for office training. The office will reopen the next scheduled business day. For more information, contact Legal assistance at 767-8819.

Relocation program offered at ACS

The Army Community Service relocation program will offer sponsorship training, to the first fifty people who call to sign up. Each unit should have a primary and alternate point of contact for their unit sponsorship program. The training is 2-4 p.m., Oct. 25 in building 87. Sponsorship training is also offered in units for ten or more people. For more information call Linda McKnight, the relocation program manager at 767-5058.

Youth Halloween Bowl coming

Bring the whole Family and have your kids dress in a costume while bowling in the dark. 5-7 p.m. Oct. 27 at Marne Lanes. Bowl for \$4 and get a slice of pizza and a small drink. Additional games for youth cost \$1.75. There

will be a best costume contest. For more information, call 767-4866.

Try "Pumpkin Pie Bowling"

Just like the popular "Red Pin", an orange pin is inserted in the pin rack. Stewart Lanes will host a Pumpkin Pie bowling event 7-9 p.m., Oct. 27. If an orange pin comes down in number one position, notify a staff member, if you roll a strike and on that ball, you win a free game. The cost is \$2 per game, per person and 75 cents for shoe rental. For more information, call 767-4273.

Corkan offers trick or treating event

Corkan Family Recreation will host an alternate event to trick or treating 12:30-7 p.m. Oct. 31 Oct at Cypress Sam's Treehouse and Cypress Creek. If you want to take your child trick or treating, but they are too young for conventional treating, join us. Our facilities will be open for normal business hours and children who show up in costume will receive a candy treat. The event is regular admission to use facility, but free if a child is just trick or treating. For more information, call 767-4273.

Hunter

Walk to Iraq and Back

Join Families of deployed service members in a display of patriotism at Hunter Army Airfield Fitness Center at 9 a.m., Sat., Oct. 27, for a patriotic ceremony, including remarks from guest speaker Pete Liakakis, chairman of Chatham County Commissioners. A Halloween costume contest follows, and a two-mile walk behind a Marne Division Color Guard and a local high school band. Costume prizes will be awarded in the following age groups: 0-6; 7-12; 13-19; 20 and up. For additional information, contact Deb Doser, at 271-9915.

Religion education classes

Classes are available for children, ages 3 and older, including adult Bible study and RCIA classes, held Sundays, 9:45 - 10:30 am in the Religious Ed Building. Call Pam Perez at 315-5440 for additional information. Protestant Women of the Chapel will meeting Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The group will read "Power of a positive woman.." For additional information, call Valerie Moore, 920, 8519.

Learn ballroom dancing

The Hunter Fitness Center will host a ballroom dance class 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m., Oct. 17. Learn foxtrot, waltz, tango, rumba, cha, meringue, and swing. No partner necessary. Form more information, call 315-5078.

AFTB Instructor Training at Hunter

Do you have training experience or would you like to gain some? Army Family Team Building is conducting an Instructor Training Course at Hunter Army Aifield. The three day session covers topics such as Adult Learning Styles, Platform Skills, and Classroom Management. Class dates and times are: 24 Oct. 1200-1400, 25 Oct. 0900-1400, and 26 Oct. 0900-1245. To register, call 315-6816.

pumpkin carving or painting contest. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes! Event will be held from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the Southern Oaks Community Center.

Come to the Post-Wide Yard Sale

MWR is hosting a post-wide yard sale at Club Stewart from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Oct. 27. Housing residents are allowed to sell at their homes as well. Keep in mind; more people are likely to stop at Club Stewart where there will be many vendors in a central location. If you would like to sell your items at Club Stewart GMH will pay the \$5 space fee for you! If you are interested, contact Amber at 210-3250 no later than October 19th.

Hunter

Toddler Time is here

Bring your little ones for a play date with others and to enjoy some toddler friendly toys. Event takes place at the Ken Heller Jr. Center (New Gannam), from 10:30 - 11:30 p.m., Friday.

Bring 'em to Kids Craft Corner

Join GMH for a fun Halloween craft from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 at both GMH community centers.

Decorating Contest slated

Get in the spirit by decorating your home for Halloween! There will be one grand prize winner and first and second place runner-ups. Homes will be judged on Oct. 23.

Say ahhhhhhhhh...



Pfc. Amanda McBride

4th BCT gets SRC

Pfc. Stephen Kennedy, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, gets his teeth examined at the Soldier Readiness Center in Mower Gym by Capt. Michelle Sarno, Company C, 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, in order to see if Kennedy is healthy for his upcoming deployment Oct. 9. Soldiers must go through nine different mandatory stations around the gym in preparation for the deployment.



Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, Commander First Army talks to First Army Command Sgt. Major Riling and Col. George Geczy of 188th Brigade, along with Fort Stewart staff members during a rock drill held at Fort Stewart Oct. 2.

VISIT

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The objective was to get a vision of how the 76th Brigade Combat Team, Indiana National Guard, will prepare for their mobilization and deployment to Iraq early next year.

First Army's 188th Brigade is not new to training Soldiers for deployment. The unit is composed of senior non-commissioned officers and officers, most of whom have deployed to one or more combat zones throughout their careers.

Many of the observer controller/trainers who will be working directly with the 76th Soldiers have returned from Iraq or Afghanistan within the last three years.

First Army recruits Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers just as they finish a deployment as part of the Operation Warrior Trainer program, seeking the current experience of mobilization, deployment, and wartime operations these Soldiers bring back from the combat theater.

The OC-Ts then attend an intense training session, honing their skills by living as they will train.

First Army's training is tough, realistic, and stressful. It's called Theater Immersion training, the imperative to "train and equip deploying Soldiers to the best of our ability, so that they can fight and win on the battlefields, then come back home," says Honoré.

Fort Stewart is ready to support them as well. Buchs and some of his staff briefed Honoré on food, medical, facilities, and training support, just to name a few of the topics covered.

Fort Stewart is the backbone of the mobilization training for the 76th.

As frequently as 3rd Infantry Division deploys, Fort Stewart's expertise provides First Army with a strong training background and a stronger support base.

The departments that briefed were enthusiastic and energetic, actively seeking more effective ways of supporting the incoming Soldiers.

Working in conjunction with First Army, Fort Stewart is providing an enormous training area involving the National Guard training facilities near Donovan Field and the majority of the training ranges and range roads. Range Control, Safety, Training, Food Service, Soldier care services, emergency medical, and public affairs are all highly involved in the mobilization and deployment.

In turn, Honoré was emphatic that the First Army would pay its own way, even to the extent of providing improvements that would remain for the 3rd Inf. Div.'s use upon their return. His emphasis was on the quality of training and the flexibility of the schedule to ensure that the training focused on what the Soldiers would encounter in theater.

"These Soldiers are not clients or customers. They are our Soldiers and we will treat them like they are our own sons and daughters," Honoré said.

Another area heavily stressed was safety.

"Yellow lights on every vehicle. When the folks around here see a convoy with flashing yellow lights, they'll know those troops are training for Iraq," Honoré told Buchs.

Ambulances at each FOB, warning signs and clean up after convoys, weather considerations, and intense physical training throughout the entire preparation period were some of the other measures mentioned.

Geczy, standing in the midst of a floor model map made of blocks, miniature trees, toy soldiers, string, and tape, points to a set of plastic vehicles. He explains why he is planning a three day 'crawl, walk, run, and repeat again and again' training range in the northern ranges.

"When I deployed my battalion to Iraq, in the same type of arena that the 76th is going to face, this training saved more than one crew. My own combat experiences decided we needed more intense training here."

Honoré took a moment to recognize the hard work of 188th Plans and Operations personnel in their preparations for the 76th's arrival by presenting Sgt. 1st Class Lester Sassard a First Army coin for the section's hard work setting up the terrain board.

"It reminds me of when I was here as a brigade commander," Honoré said about Fort Stewart. "I appreciate the positive attitude. We'll continue to work together. Train like you're going to fight."

Purple

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Massiet was injured when the Abrams tank he was driving was struck by a buried IED on a combat patrol near the Tigris River June 7. He received a shrapnel wound in his right elbow and several lacerations on his right side.

"Basically, the blast knocked out both Massiet and my gunner," said 1st Lt. Justin Patton, the executive officer for Company A, 1-15 Inf. Regt., Waynesville, Mo., and the tank commander at the time of the attack. "We rolled about 70 meters and they both came to. I was yelling down to him because the coms (radios) were out. I asked, 'Are you ok?' and he yelled back 'Yeah, I'm bleeding.' At that point, the fact that he said anything was a relief. The tank was destroyed. He was very lucky. Really, the whole tank was."

Massiet was happy to receive the award.

"It's not something I ever wanted, but I'll take it," he said.

Massiet was thankful that Patton and Sgt. Robert Lady, the gunner during the mission, were there to help him.

"They both got me out of the hatch and got me to the medic really quick," Massiet said. "Those guys were great."

CARE

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Case managers meet with each Soldier weekly and then touch base with the Soldier's platoon sergeant or squad leader and Primary Care Manager to ensure the Soldier's recovery is progressing smoothly.

Not only do case managers support Soldiers and their Families in navigating the healthcare system, it decreases the fragmentation of services, encourages health team communication, and contributes significantly to patient safety and quality of life.

The profession

Case management is more impor-

tant than ever before. It has evolved as an area of practice and unifying factor within a number of medical professions: doctors, nurses, social workers, administrators and others.

Case management professionals advocate for the needs of patients, assuring that individual cases are promptly attended to up and down the healthcare chain.

Case management can, however, be a complex profession. No two patients are alike, so each case is inherently unique.

Case managers look after the health concerns of the chronically ill and

injured patients.

Case management professionals pay strict attention to a patient's individual needs and guide patients to follow medication, dietary and exercise recommendations during their period of treatment.

This is an ever-challenging process when considering the administrative depth and breadth of the healthcare system and the fact that numerous individuals may be intricately involved in a single case.

But success in the endeavor is imperative; it may be the difference between life and death.

WREATHS

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To achieve this goal, planners are seeking "sponsorship" from local residents to cover the costs of purchasing the wreaths, which based on the current number of soldiers honored on Warriors Walk, would total 369.

Residents can sponsor a wreath by going to the WAA Web site, www.wreathscrossamerica.org, and clicking on the "Sponsor a Wreath" link on the left side of the page, according to Muncher.

They cost \$15 each and sponsors can choose to buy more than one. To ensure the wreaths are used for the local initiative, citizens must type-in "Wreaths for Warriors Walk" on line two

of the address information section on the sponsor form.

Sponsors leery of paying online can also mail a check made out to Wreaths for Warriors Walk to project co-chairman Anthony Justi at: Wreaths Across America to Wreaths for Warriors Walk, c/o Anthony Justi, P.O. Box 3533 Fort Stewart, GA 31315. Checks will be consolidated and forwarded to WAA.

The wreath-laying ceremony is scheduled to take place on Warriors Walk on Dec. 15 at noon.

Editors note: For more information or to volunteer email wreaths4warriorswalk@yahoo.com.

Education Matters



Distance learning college term dates

Find out the latest on post and distance learning college term dates.

Central Texas College, Oct. 22 – Dec. 15. For information, call 767-2070 at Stewart, or 315-4090 at Hunter.

Columbia College, Oct. 22 – Dec. 15. For information, call – 767-5336 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter

Embry Riddle, Oct. 16 – Dec. 17. For information, call 767-3930 at Stewart or 352-5252 at Hunter

Webster University, Oct. 15 – Dec. 13. For information, call 767-5357 at Stewart or 354-0033 at Hunter

Please contact the college directly for course schedules and enrollment information.

Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship

Learn about scholarship opportunities for Purple Heart recipients, visit www.purpleheart.org or scholarship@purpleheart.org.

Take a Educational coffee break

A professional counselor will discuss setting and achieving educational goals, the local Army Education programs and available funding options for active duty, Family members and Department of the Army civilians. Maximize your potential as you are affected by Army mobility requirements. Army education counselors are available Monday through Friday for individual sessions. These briefings are generally the first Tuesday of each month, at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. For more information, call 767-8331.

Learn about available federal scholarships

Learn about the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund Scholarship at www.feea.org/scholarships.html or call 1-303-933-7580.

Webster offers deployed, reduced online tuition

Soldiers enrolled in Webster's graduate classes will receive a reduced rate, while deployed. Contact Marsha Sands at sands@webster.edu, or 354-0033, DSN: 912-315-5906 for additional information.

Apply for the Georgia HOPE grant

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial need to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center to speak with a counselor.

HOPE Grant - Great Opportunity for Spouses

Educate while you wait! Get your certificate or diploma and

pursue your new career during this deployment. Certificates for Website Technician, Child Care Manager, Medical Transcription, are a few of the eligible programs offered by Savannah Technical College. Classes are available in the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center and at the Liberty Campus on Airport Road in Hinesville. For more information, call Savannah Tech in the SFC Paul R. Smith Army Education Center at (912) 408-2430, or the Liberty Campus at 408-3024.

Take CLEP and DANTES classes

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel and for non-military examinees, CLEP tests are \$85, and DSSTs are \$90.

Take free English-as-a-second-language courses

Beginning courses are offered 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday and Thursday. Intermediate courses are offered 8 a.m. to noon, Monday and Wednesday. ESL class registration begins noon every Tuesday, at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100, room 227. For more information, call 368-7322.

Take GED and skills enrichment courses

Graduation Equivalency Diploma and adult education classes are offered in partnership with the Liberty County Adult Education Program. They are held at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. The courses prepare you to take the GED Exam or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. The courses are free of charge. You can select from one of a number of dates and times, which are 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday; or 6-9 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday in rooms 225 - 228. For more information, call 368-7322. To register for the classes, you must be present for both days of the process. Registration is first come, first serve. Active duty military are registered upon request. The next registration time period is 1-5 p.m., Oct. 15-16. Call 368-7322 for complete details.

Green to Gold Briefing slated

The Green to Gold briefings are held at the installation education centers every month. On Stewart the briefings are 2 p.m. the first and third Thursday. The Hunter briefings are 2 p.m. the second and fourth of each month.

Get a free 2007 Military Handbook

The Military Children's Scholarship Handbook, Getting Uncle Sam to Pay for Your College Degree is available. Go to www.militaryhandbooks.com to sign up for your free handbook.

Learning Center provide computer resources

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center learning center has 55 computers with internet access available. You can use the center to complete your homework, research for your classes, access the Army's basic skills automated program, "Lifetime Library" or just stop in to check your e-mail. The center is open seven days a week. It is closed on federal holidays.

The learning center is room 230, building 100. The operation hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday – Thursday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The Hunter learning center is open 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Take advantage of a variety of study resources and internet capability. For more information, call 315-6130.

Troops and Spouse to Teachers Briefings slated

The Georgia Troops to Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified service members of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouse to Teachers Program, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. Future meetings are scheduled for 11 a.m., Oct. 17; Nov. 7 and Dec. 19 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. For more information about the program, visit online at www.tttga.net and www.sttga.net or call 1-800-745-0709 or 767-8331.

Free college course offered

Columbia College Spouse's Opportunity Scholarship provides a tuition waiver for an initial classroom course with Columbia College at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center for spouses of military personnel enrolled in their school. This is a value of \$450, which is the cost of their three credit-hour classroom courses. The program is an incentive for eligible students to embark on a degree program, while completing the financial aid process (i.e. FAFSA) and securing ongoing financial support. Call 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter for more information.

\$4500 tuition available for Soldiers

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, during a one-hour brief at the education center, room 223. The www.goarmyed.com Web site provides 24-hours, 7-days-a-week virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and advising.

Savannah Tech offers child care

Child care is available at the Hinesville Airport Road –Hinesville campus. Contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

Free college tutoring offered through Dec 13

Savannah Technical College, at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, is offering free tutoring for college students each Monday and Wednesday. Math support is available during the day and English tutoring is conducted late afternoon or evening. At the Hinesville Liberty Campus, Math coaching is held Monday through Friday at various times during the day. For those needing a Spanish Interpreter or assistance with English as a Second Language or Allied Health Services, an instructor is available at the campus on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. You don't have to be enrolled in Savannah Tech to participate. Please call 408-2430 or 408-3024 for exact times.



Spc. Ben Hutto

Above: Soldiers from C Co., 1/15 Inf. Reg., help residents of Nabie Al-Sofe, unload supplies brought as part of a humanitarian assistance mission Oct. 2.

Right: Civilians help unload supplies bought in by Marine Soldiers to help the village, Oct. 2.

Coalition Forces give humanitarian aid to village

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division provided much-needed humanitarian assistance to Nabie Al-Sofe, a small village east of Al-Wehda, Oct. 2.

“I thought it was a fantastic opportunity to go into one of the more remote villages and develop the rapport we have with the people there,” said Maj. Greg Lester from Knoxville, Tenn., with the 489th Civil Affairs Detachment, currently attached to the 1/15 Inf. Regt. “They are a Sunni and Shia village that is, to put it mildly, quite destitute. They all get along together, though. They are very isolated, but they were thrilled to see

us.”

The local residents received humanitarian assistance bags: 24,000 liters of bottled water, clothing, school supplies and toys.

In addition to delivering the supplies, Staff Sgt. Derrick Boykins, a medic with Headquarters Company, 1/15 Inf. Regt., was able to treat six townspeople, who suffered from a variety of bruises, cuts and minor illnesses.

“We plan to go back there and do a village assessment,” Lester said. “They want a town water well and would like to show us a sight they have picked out. We hope to help them with that.”

The 1/15 Inf. Regt. is part of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Inf. Div., out of Fort Benning, Ga., and has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since March 2007.



Arab Jabour citizens receive medical treatment

SGT. LUIS DELGADILLO
2nd Bct, 3rd Inf. Div.

FOB KALSU — With the assistance of concerned citizens in Arab Jabour, Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Stewart, Ga., held a medical operation Oct. 3 for the local residents.

Soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment provided security while 2nd BCT, 3rd Infantry Division, medical personnel gave medical evaluations, medicines, preventive medicine tips and small ‘goodie’ bags to

children who were seen by medical staff in Arab Jabour.

First Lt. Quinalin C. Green, a physician’s assistant for the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, said getting out into the community and letting people know that Coalition Forces are in the area is important.

The event was also a positive experience for the Soldiers involved.

Capt. Keri L. Mullen, brigade surgeon for the 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., said that she enjoyed getting an opportunity to help the men, women and children of Arab Jabour.



Courtesy Photo

Lt. Col. Hee-Choon Lee, battalion surgeon for the 1/30 Inf. Reg., 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., checks an elderly Iraqi man’s eyes during a medical operation in Arab Jabour Oct. 3.

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) system

Special to the Frontline

The 911 Center is equipped to receive calls from the hearing and speech impaired by way of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). The system operates through a telephone line to allow individuals who are either hearing or speech impaired to communicate.

Dispatchers operate and maintain this system to ensure that all residents have access to the services provided at 911 Central Dispatch.

The TDD system is available through either a stand alone or integrated method. The stand-alone technology has a telephone set along with a keyboard and display screen. The stand alone handset is used to communicate with individuals who can hear but cannot speak or can speak but not hear.

The integrated technology is accessible through the 911 Central

Dispatch computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. Dispatchers are able to access this at each individual workstation and dispatch appropriate units to the requesting party. The TDD system is a valuable tool to the 911 Center operations because in an emergency, time is critical.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with

Disabilities Act, the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield communities will not discriminate against individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in our services, programs, or activities. Individuals who use the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf will be provided direct access to the Emergency 911 services. The 911 Branch will provide telephone emergency services to individuals with disabilities that are as effective as those provided to others.

DES Spotlight

Introducing 911 Dispatcher Mrs. Casi Mares



911 Dispatcher Mrs. Casi Mares

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Mrs. Casi Mares experience as a 911 Dispatcher began upon acceptance of a position with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department in November of 2002 while attending Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Ga. While completing her last semester of college, Casi was offered a position with the Directorate of Emergency Services as a Telecommunicator-Alarm Monitor. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice, Casi began working at 911 Central Dispatch in December of 2004. As a dispatcher, Casi is responsible for answering emergency and non-emergency calls, monitoring radio traffic for the police, fire department and emergency medical personnel at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Legal Notices

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Christian M. Neff**, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Capt. Tommie Andrews, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314 at 912-320-5259.

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DeCA pulls Baker's Chocolate Baking Squares

Special to the Frontline

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissaries worldwide pulled from its shelves Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares (6-ounce package) because the product may be contaminated with salmonella.

Kraft Foods had issued the voluntary product recall on Oct. 3, according to the Food and Drug Administration. The recall only affects Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares, UPC 0043000252200, with the following case expiration and package "best when used by" dates:

- 31 MAR 2008
- 01 APR 2008
- 02 APR 2008
- 03 APR 2008

Salmonella is a bacterium that can cause foodborne illnesses with symptoms such as fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. For people in poor health or with weakened immune systems, salmonella can cause life-threatening infections.

Consumers with food safety questions can contact Kraft Consumer Response at 1-800-310-3704. Commissary patrons who have this product at home should stop consuming it and return the unused product with the label to the store from which they purchased it for a full refund. For information on this and other recalls, patrons can go to the DeCA Web site at <http://www.commissaries.com>, visit the "Food Safety" section and access links to various consumer safety sites.

A healthy lifestyle, reducing breast cancer

Maj. Karen E. Fauber
DeCA dietitian

FORT LEE, Va. – Eating healthy, exercising regularly and maintaining a healthy weight can be helpful in preventing breast cancer. October is Breast Cancer Prevention Month so when shopping at your commissary, look for foods that promote breast health awareness and cancer research. Many food manufacturers are partnering with the Susan G. Komen Foundation to fund research and education along with fighting breast cancer. Look for the pink logo!

Maintain a healthy weight

There are plenty of reasons to lose the pounds and maintain a healthy weight. Here's one more: Research demonstrates a link between obesity and breast cancer. If you gain more weight later in life, especially after

menopause, you may be at higher risk of developing breast cancer. Fat cells provide estrogen, and breast cancer is linked to how much estrogen you are exposed to in life.

Stay physically active

Research has shown that women who participated in more than five hours per week of strenuous activity had a lower risk of invasive breast cancer compared with the least-active women. Try to get at least 30 minutes of exercise on most days of the week, according to the 2005 U.S. Dietary Guidelines. Start slowly and build up if you haven't been exercising regularly. Also, don't forget weight-bearing exercise such as walking or weight lifting to keep your bones strong.

Eat healthy

This includes limiting fat in your diet and choosing fruits

and vegetables that are high in antioxidants, such as spinach and other dark, leafy greens. Be sure to check out "Kay's Kitchen" for some delicious ways to eat your spinach. The average person needs no more than 60 to 70 grams of fat each day. Also, to help protect against breast cancer, limit alcohol consumption to less than one drink a day; there is a strong link between the two.

For women, remember to do monthly self-breast exams and start having mammograms after age 40 as recommended by the National Cancer Institute.

For more information on diet and cancer prevention or other nutrition topics, visit the DeCA Web site at www.commissaries.com, go to the "DeCA Dietitian," post your questions on the "DeCA Dietitian Forum" and be sure to look for other useful information in the "Dietitian's Voice" archive.

CID offers Rewards of \$2,500

A reward of \$2,500 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person(s) responsible for a shooting that occurred July 15 adjacent to Rocky's Bar, Fort Stewart, Ga. Three unidentified black men were seen in a black colored sedan from which the shot was possibly fired. Anyone having knowledge of the incident, but not wishing to be identified, will

be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality. Those with information concerning this matter are encouraged to call the U.S. Army CID office, located at Fort Stewart, Ga., at (912) 767-5030. The point of contact for this action is Special Agent Charles Purnell or the military police desk at Stewart, 767-4895. The reward offer expires on Sept. 24, 2008.

3HBCT celebrates return of 1/10 FA Regt.

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – The 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division held a dinner to celebrate the return of 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment to the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., at the FOB Hammer Dining Facility Oct. 8.

Soldiers were treated to a lobster dinner and live music before Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., commander of the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., said a few words to welcome 1/10 FA Regt. back.

“We are so glad to get you guys back here,” said Grigsby. “It’s incredible what you’ve done. I still hear about the great work you guys did down in Bucca. You can’t imagine how much you are going to help the brigade being here. The entire brigade welcomes you back. You are a valued member of this team.”

Grigsby encouraged the Soldiers and offered motivation for the mission ahead.

“Pat yourselves on the back today, tomorrow and maybe the day after that, but get ready to get out there and start doing your job,” Grigsby said. “It’s time to get your game faces on.”

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Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., the commander of the 3rd BCT., speaks to Soldiers in the 1/10 FA Reg. during a welcome-back dinner at the FOB Hammer Dining Facility Oct. 8.

Spc. Ben Hutto

3rd CAB MEDEVAC crews save lives with quick response

SGT. Ben Brody
MND-C Public Affairs

BAGHDAD – To see its Soldiers sprawled across couches and recliners, watching movies and casually chatting, it’s hard to see how disciplined and proficient the medical evacuation crews of 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade really are.

Then the call comes in on a loudspeaker, “MEDEVAC, MEDEVAC, MEDEVAC!”

In an instant, the troops vanish, as if into thin air. The wail of helicopter engines starting up drifts in from the tarmac.

And they’re off. The crews are allowed 15 minutes to get into the air, but on the morning of Sept. 12, they were up in five.

An Iraqi man had been hit by a car in Mahmudiyah, and his family brought him to U.S. troops. The man had severe head injuries.

The Soldiers knew the man’s best chance for survival was in the hands of American doctors.

“Sixty or 70 percent of the calls we get are for Iraqis – civilians, military, police, and a lot of kids,” said Chief

Warrant Officer Rick Mallick, an instructor pilot with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment.

Minutes later, the crew of the Black Hawk known as Medicine Man 42 touched down at FOB Mahmudiyah and loaded the injured man into the helicopter.

Sgt. Reid Carpenter, a flight medic with Co. C, immediately went to work, changing the man’s IV and checking his vital signs.

Carpenter, is on his first deployment to Iraq after extensive training at Fort Rucker, Ala. He said he has found his calling.

“It’s a huge rush going out,” he said. “The MEDEVAC call is something you hate to hear, but you’ve just got to get on the bird as fast as you can. When the helo is coming in and I can see the ground crew below, that’s when the excitement peaks – that’s when it’s my time.”

Tearing over the Tigris River valley toward Baghdad at 150 mph, the helicopters, which are not armed with machine guns in accordance with the Geneva Convention, carve a direct route to Taji Air Base.

“When we land in unsecured areas, it’s more exciting, but also way more dangerous than landing on a FOB,” said Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Dickerson, a pilot with Co. C.

“Other pilots plan their routes long in advance based on enemy threat. While we certainly take the threat into consideration, we also consider that there’s someone dying out there and we need to get there as fast as possible.”


Once back at Kalsu, the crew inspected their helicopters, replaced the flares that were fired and fueled up for the next mission.

Votes were cast for the next movie to watch – Reno: 911 won by a landslide. It would be another 24 hours before another call came in, this time from Patrol Base Murray, where two badly injured Iraqi policemen waited for evacuation.

Though they were both conscious and walking, one of the policemen had been shot in the face and leg; the other had been struck in the head with a hammer. After the pick-up, crew members brought the two men to the Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad’s International Zone, where they would undergo immediate surgery. Flight medic Spc. Joe Penhale, of Co. C, escorted the wounded men into the CSH and discussed their condition with a surgeon.

“The guy who was shot lost over a quart of blood, but he’s going to survive because we got there in a hurry,” Penhale said.


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